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admitted to him implication in the transportation of guns stolen at Canton, Ohio. MEROLA told KAY that he has an alibi which consists of a telegram. KAY said that MEROLA indicated that the plane had made one stop en route to Pittsburgh.

On March 21, 1959, MEROLA told SA LEMAN L. STAFFORD on a confidential basis that "CAPPY" is the nickname for one of ROTHMAN's sons. It is to be noted that the name "CAPPY" figures in some of the telephone calls placed from ROTHMAN's and MEROLA's telephone.

On March 12, 1959, PCI ARTHUR W. MILLER, who formerly was manager of the new Garden of Allah Motel, Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA C. GRAHAM HURST that prior to November, 1958, when the present owner of the new Garden of Allah Motel took over that motel, the person who claimed to be the owner was MAURICE "RED" POLLOCK who resided in Rooms 108 and 109 in the motel. MILLER said the story told is that POLLOCK's aunt, IRENE RUDINGER, who also resided at the motel, invested her life savings, maybe \$50,000.00 or more, in the motel, but POLLOCK, to all appearances, was the owner. MILLER said that JOSEPH MEROLA, who, with his family, resided in rooms 313 and 314 in the new Garden of Allah Motel when he lived there, also indicated around that he owned a share in the new Garden of Allah Motel, and MILLER said he never heard POLLOCK deny this. PCI MILLER said that during the later days of his stay at the new Garden of Allah Motel, CHESTER GRAY and his wife resided in room 317.

PCI MILLER stated that "RED" POLLOCK and his aunt are presently residing on Alton Road, Miami Beach, he believes number is 6356, but not sure, but is sure that their telephone is UN 2-8645; CHESTER GRAY has moved to his house at 5386 Alton Road; and JOSEPH MEROLA is presently residing with his family in rooms 61 and 62 at the old Garden of Allah Motel (just south of the new motel), although MEROLA told PCI on March 12, 1959, that his, MEROLA's, house at 2018 North Bay Road is almost ready

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for occupancy. PCI said he takes this with a grain of salt, as MEROLA has told him in the past he was ready to move in his house and did not do it.

PCI stated that JOSEPH MEROLA did pay rent for his rooms in the new Garden of Allah Motel. However, his payments were spasmodic. MILLER said the payments made by MEROLA were recorded in the folio for room 313, and also on the cash sheet in the A and D Book. PCI MILLER said he himself would probably be the one to testify in a court of law regarding entries in the new Garden of Allah Motel books, under the ownership of MAURICE POLLOCK, which entries would reflect room rent paid by MEROLA for rooms 313 and 314. MILLER stated that he does not know where the records are at present for the new Garden of Allah Motel, under the ownership of POLLOCK, unless they are in the custody of JOHN NICHOLAS, Miami telephone FR3-8125, as NICHOLAS represented the U. S. Government while the new Garden of Allah Motel was in the hands of the receivers during the latter days of ownership by POLLOCK.

Examination of records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on December 17, 1957, in connection with investigation of the case entitled, "CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL.; FMP - CUBA; NM; RA", reflected that the subscriber to JEL-1352 is MORRIS FISHER, owner Vendome Hotel, which is non-published telephone located at the penthouse apartment of the Vendome. Examination of long distance telephone toll slips at that time reflected that CARLOS PRIO and members of his family utilized this telephone exclusively.

On March 3, 1959, records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami Beach Branch, made available by Mrs. JANET SUMMERS, were also examined with reference to Union 6-8545, this being the non-published telephone listed to Mrs. JEAN MANNARINO, 8919 Dickens Avenue, Surfside, which is billed to GABRIEL MANNARINO, 540 Charles Avenue, New Kensington, Pennsylvania. There were no calls from October 1, 1958, through January 11, 1959, charged to this telephone.

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